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**From:** Khan, Annie (DPH)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 1:08 PM  
**To:** Callahan, Allison (SUF)  
**Subject:** RE:

Unfortunately, yes.

I had a case with Lauren Greene/Brendan Murphy in regards to re-weighing for 2005 case.

**Reweighing Process:**

It is a simple process, once the sample is back at the lab. Have the Boston DCU bring the sample back to the lab with a copy of the motion for independent weighing or a letter that states that an independent chemist will be coming to re-weigh the samples. The sample will be assigned a Lab # with the letter R for resubmittal.

At anytime, the defense chemist can contact the custodial chemist at the lab (617-983-6622) and they can schedule a date and time. Both the independent chemist and the custodial chemist will conduct the re-weighing of the sample (just to maintain the integrity of the sample).

I have an ongoing case with Greg Henning that is asking for independent testing. Unfortunately, there aren't a lot of Labs or chemists in Mass that do independent weighing. We are having problems with d/c because we have to maintain chain of custody.

**Retesting by independent chemist issues:** (retesting at the lab, try to avoid and can be address to the Lab Supervisor, Chuck)

Who will be obtaining the sample? We do not want to be responsible for removing any sample and shipping it to the NJ Lab. Because defense counsel can always use that against us due the small amount of sample.

Usually the independent chemist (with the proper docs) would open the sample in the presence of the custodial chemist and obtain the necessary amount. Then the sample is seal by the custodial chemist and return to the DCU.

The only suggestions I have:

- (1) for d/c to provide transportation for the independent chemist to come to Boston and obtain the sample or
- (2) have one of our local independent chemists come to the lab and obtain the sample and then mail it to NMS Labs.

Therefore all responsibility falls on d/c and it will cost more money. Haha

Not sure if this helps.

Annie

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**From:** Callahan, Allison (SUF)  
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**Subject:**

Annie,

Have you had a lot of attorneys asking that drugs be retested as a result of Melendez-Diaz retrials? I have an attorney who I think is going to ask that the drugs be reweighed and retested. Thanks.  
Allison